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Investment in Community Heritage Projects Highlights Ongoing Support for Sector Initiatives

The Honourable Clyde Jackman, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, today announced several heritage-related projects which have been approved under the 2008 Cultural Economic Development Program (CEDP).

"An investment in our heritage is an investment in our past, present and future," Minister Jackman said. "These projects serve to preserve our heritage assets, provide learning opportunities for heritage professionals, and build capacity within communities to ensure our history will be protected and celebrated for generations to come."

A list of approved projects is provided in the Backgrounder below.

Meanwhile, the minister noted this is the third year of implementation of the Provincial Government's cultural strategy, *Creative Newfoundland and Labrador: The Blueprint for Development and Investment in Culture* (2006).

"The heritage sector continues to reap the benefits of the commitments we made in that strategy to systematically increase operational and project funding," said Minister Jackman. "Our government recognizes the value of protecting and promoting our heritage, and this is clearly evident in the investments we have made over the past three years alone."

Minister Jackman noted the CEDP budget for heritage was increased by $100,000 in Budget 2008, for a total of $1.15 million. In addition to individual project funding, the CEDP provides annual operational support for heritage industry associations, community museums, archives and community-based heritage organizations.

Budget 2008 operational support includes:

- Close to $800,000 to more than 100 community museums, archives and heritage organizations. This represents an increase of $80,000 over 2007 and a total increase of $474,000 since 2005;
- $100,000 to the Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (MANL), an increase of $5,000 over last year and a total increase of $20,000 since 2005;
- $50,000 to the Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives (ANLA), an increase of $13,000 since 2005; and,
- $45,000 to the Association of Heritage Industries (AHI), an increase of $15,000 in the past year alone and $20,000 since 2005.

CEDP projects are selected based on the strength of the business plans, vision and potential for development within the sector. For more information on the CEDP program and application guidelines, visit: www.tcr.gov.nl.ca/tcr/services_programs/cedp/heritage/.

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BACKGROUNDER

Heritage Projects - Cultural Economic Development Program (2008)

Red Indian Lake Heritage Society – $8,750 to produce outdoor interpretive panels on the history of the Beothuk that will promote this significant site.

Brigus Historical and Conservation Society – $8,325 to design three brochures of Historical Walking Tours for use by visitors in taking self-guided tours of historical attractions in Brigus.

Botwood Heritage Society – $8,000 to undertake an archival management project that will increase the long-term preservation of the material and its public accessibility by moving the archive to the new Aviation Museum.

Mizzen Heritage Society, Heart's Content – $6,500 to undertake an archival management project that will develop a professional inventory of its collections which will be available to researchers and visitors. Records consist of photographs, community records, materials from local organizations, family records, periodicals and books.

Town of Burin – $6,300 to professionally design three interpretive panels as a component of a memorial site at Bridge Cove, Port au Bras, to commemorate the Tidal Wave of 1929. These panels will tell the story of the disaster and commemorate the event for future generations.

Bonavista Historical Society – $6,000 to provide an internship opportunity to a recent graduate in the area of archival collections management. The intern will develop skills in assessing, arranging and preserving the archival collections of the society and the Town of Bonavista.

Winterton Boatbuilding and Community Museum – $4,900 to develop a website that will profile the museum's collections and provide it with the ability to sell product online by developing e-commerce capability. This is designed to increase the potential for revenue generation and lead to increased visitation to the museum and the region.

Moravian Church in Newfoundland and Labrador – $4,790 to preserve historically-significant archival material in the Happy Valley-Goose Bay church office. The records reference Inuit-government relations and the relocation of the mission headquarters from Hebron to Goose Bay in 1957.

Basilica Cathedral Museum – $3,500 to develop the *Sunday Best* exhibit, which will focus on how the rites of the church shaped and defined a community's identity. This temporary exhibit will contain personal memorabilia and recollections of milestones in the lives of individuals and families.

Labrador Métis Nation – $3,100 for professional development to train a researcher to become a certified genealogist through the Genealogical Institute of the Maritimes. This will allow the LMN to have an in-house family tree and allow Inuit-Métis individuals to track their ancestry and take pride in their unique cultural heritage.

Clarenville Heritage Society – $3,000 to research historical place names in the area and capture the story, individual, or event behind the name. This will lead to the development of interpretive panels and promotional material that is designed to raise awareness of the cultural heritage in the area.

Battle Harbour Historic Trust – $3,000 to research local legends and lore that will be developed into an evening interpretive walk to further bring the site alive for visitors.

Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives – $3,000 to develop an introductory guide to best archival practices in collection standards, preservation and documentation of oral history collections. Under the professional development component of the CEDP program, $2,180 is provided support for ANLA's information technology network advisor to attend the Association of Canadian Archivists' annual conference.

Branch Cultural Historical Association – $3,000 to research place names in the community for the production of promotional postcards and interpretive tours. This is designed to help to preserve the community's cultural heritage as well as draw visitors to the area.

Rick Boland – $2,840 for professional development support to attend an international conference at the University of Manchester entitled *Performing Heritage: Research and Practice*, earlier this year.

Archives of the R.C. Archdiocese – $2,700 to document the history of the stained glass windows in the Basilica Cathedral and develop interpretive panels.

Bay Roberts Heritage Society – $2,500 to undertake an archival management project that will allow records to be available to researchers and visitors.

Jane Severs – $2,280 for professional development support to attend a design master class at the Department of Museum Studies in Leicester, UK.

Presentation Congregation Archives – $1,600 to complete the digitization of its finding aids to increase accessibility for researchers.

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